

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1, delete the title "Process for the removal of sour gases from pressurized natural gas which is polluted by sour gas compounds and for the recovery of the removed sour gases at an elevated pressure level" and insert the following title and heading:

**--METHOD FOR REMOVING ACID GASES FROM PRESSURIZED NATURAL GAS THAT IS CONTAMINATED WITH ACID GAS COMPOUNDS AND RECOVERING THE REMOVED ACID GASES AT AN INCREASED PRESSURE LEVEL**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.**

On page 3, line 5, between paragraphs [0006] and [0007], insert the following heading:

**--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.**

On page 5, line 29, above paragraph [0016], insert the following heading:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.**

On page 6, line 3, above paragraph [0017], insert the following heading:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.**